

Re: Attorney Docket No. 1053.001B

In re application of: Gary W. Elko, Robert A. Kubli, and Jens M. Meyer

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For: Audio System Based on at Least Second-Order Eigenbeams

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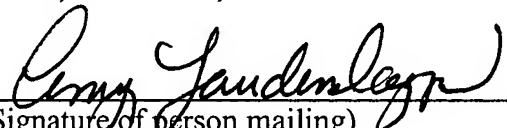
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AG	EP 0 381 498 A	08.08.90	Europe			English	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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